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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRIME MINISTER

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

REF: SANA 368

1. SANA RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL MARCH 2
THAT ACTING PRIMIN MEKKI HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT
IRYANI TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT. UNDER CONSTITUTION, AFTER
FORMING GOVERNMENT, HE WILL THEN HAVE TO SEEK APPROVAL OF
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY WHICH OPENED 1974 SESSION SAME
MORNING.

2. PRESENT ASSUMPTION LOCALLY IS THAT THERE WILL BE FEW
IF ANY CHANGES IN NEW GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH MOST OBSERVERS
EXPECT THAT TWO OF LEAST EFFECTIVE AND MOST CORRUPT
MINISTERS, MININFO DAHMASH AND MINAGR MUJAHID, WILL BE
DROPPED.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IRYANI IN THEORY DID NOT DISMISS

ENTIRE HAJRI GOVERNMENT (SANA 268), IT SEEMS CERTAIN
THAT MEKKI WILL HAVE TO PRESENT ALL MINISTERS TO ASSEMBLY
FOR APPROVAL. SINCE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH POLITICAL
LEADERS OF ALL FACTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE PRESIDENT'S
RETURN FROM LAHORE LAST WEEK, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MEKKI
WILL FACE ANY SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION IN ASSEMBLY.

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